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SCHOOL AGRICULTURE IN HOPKINS COUNTY

Address Before Hopkins County
Teachers Institute by
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COUNTY COMMERCIAL CLUB
WAGES ITS IMPORTANCE

The following address prepared for reading before the Hopkins County Teachers Institute Friday morning by Paul M. Moore vice-president of the Hopkins County Commercial Club and Chairman of the Educational Committee of that organization. Matters of importance compelled the absence of Mr. Moore for a few days and he could not therefore deliver his address in person.

The subject assigned to Mr. Moore was "School Agriculture in Hopkins County."

The address follows:
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me real pleasure to be able to address you this morning, in response to an invitation that reached me yesterday noon, asking me to talk to you about "School Agriculture in Hopkins County."

I shall not attempt to talk to you about the planting of seeds, the right handling of a plot of ground for agricultural demonstration, located upon spacious rural school acreage close by the commodious and completely equipped, consolidated rural school buildings we ought to have for the use and benefit of our children and for the surest and truest betterment of all our rural population, materially, morally and socially.—And let me say here and now, that Hopkins county OUGHT to have such splendid and efficient rural school plants and social centers as well as as easily as Mason county, or any other county in or out of Kentucky. Our laws now give us the right to consolidate schools to employ rural supervisors, and to vote bonds for the purpose of building schools and extending terms.—But let us get back to "School Agriculture." I shall not try to discuss text book, or methods, or right preparation of teachers, or seeds or soils or seasons. These things I leave to the Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture and to you.

But I want you to look with me upon the broader facts and more vital statistics, and to stand with me before the picture of "Immense Necessity" thrown today upon the Nation's moving picture canvass by our poor farms and poorer farm methods, our uninviting, unhealthy and unprofitable one-room rural school houses, our deserted rural churches, the dead or dying social life of our rural districts in many places, and the continual desertion of the country for the town and the city by those who might through sane guidance, safe and progressive administration, and a sound system of taxation become within a generation or two the happiest, the most independent and indispensable members of our social and economic fabrics. And the beginning of all this beautiful evolution we are to bring about lies in the introduction of "School Agriculture in Hopkins County," and the creation of a lively and compelling interest and sentiment in favor of this and every movement towards a more efficient and a higher plane of living in

the rural districts of State and Nation

Development in agricultural education in the United States has been remarkable during the past sixteen years. In 1896 we had but 70 institutions for agricultural education; 61 State colleges of agriculture and 9 agricultural schools. At the close of 1912 there were 57 State colleges of agriculture, 42 privately endowed colleges giving instructions in agriculture, and upward of 2500 secondary and elementary schools in which agriculture is taught, making in all about 2600 colleges and schools. There are in addition many rural elementary schools in which some of the facts concerning agriculture are now taught as required by law or by official regulation in about one-third of the States. Almost the entire system of extension teaching in agriculture has been accomplished during this short period. And the year 1912 was one of greater material progress in agricultural education than any year in our history. It is interesting to note that the year 1912 marked the anniversaries of the three most important events in the history of American agriculture. It was the semi centennial of the establishment of the Federal Department of agriculture at Washington, and of the Morrill act donating public lands for the establishment and maintenance of agricultural colleges in all the States and Territories. It was also the fiftieth anniversary of the homestead act, which provided for cutting up the public domain into farms and its settlement by farmers who live on the land. A recent writer has said: "It is a strange coincidence that these three measures of such vital and far-reaching importance to the agriculture of this country, and which had been for some time national issues, should have been passed and signed by President Lincoln within a few weeks of each other, at a time when the country, in the midst of a great civil war, was struggling to maintain the Union." Twenty-five years later, in 1897, the act was passed making provision for a system of agricultural experiment stations, and hence the year, 1912 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of its birth.

The question we are dealing with is a live thing with a great and a positive future. Let us push it along right here in Hopkins County and set our share of the benefits for our own people. This is a live movement and its growth is certain and cumulative. A proof of the strength of the movement may be seen in the many and liberal appropriations made in numerous States last year for agricultural colleges and their works: New York, \$997,000; Georgia, \$250,000; North Carolina, \$220,000; North Dakota, \$200,000; New Jersey, \$129,000; South Dakota, \$100,000; Washington, \$150,000 and others.

Perhaps the largest co-operative extension work was the boys' and girls' agricultural club movement. More than 90,000 boys were engaged, North and South, in the corn, Kaffir corn, and cotton club work, in which the United States Department of Agriculture co-operated, and there were over 40,000 other boys in the north who are members of corn clubs, wheat clubs, or potato clubs, or were engaged in other agricultural contests. In the Southern corn club work several boys secured yields of over 200 bushels per acre, while in the North many yields ran over 100 bushels. Illinois reported over

50 yields running over 100 bushels, and Ohio 91 such yields. There were also more than 23,000 members of girls' canning and poultry clubs in 12 Southern States. Each member of a canning club cultivated one-fifth acre of tomatoes. One girl raised 5828 pounds of tomatoes on her plot, while another filled 1525 quart cans of tomatoes with hers.

We all like to see the work of our own brains and our own hands grow to some good purpose and into some useful, worthy thing. Here YOU can do something practical that will have a great and a certain future, and will shape and mold the boys and the girls into useful, happy, prosperous men and women fitted to rehabilitate our country life because, being trained, they will find the work both pleasant and profitable.

The General Education Board has for several years financed agricultural demonstration in the South and has announced now that it will extend this aid to Northern States. This year that board appropriated \$22,500 annually to be used in Kentucky for such work and the Hopkins County Commercial Club is completing arrangements by which we will secure for Hopkins county a county agent, representing the federal Department of Agriculture, who will be in part paid out of the above fund and who will render expert advice to our farmers and do demonstration work in this county. This is the best and most practical thing the Hopkins County Commercial Club could have done, and I believe that "School Agriculture in Hopkins County" is the best and the most vital and practical work the members of the Hopkins County Teachers' Institute could possibly undertake.

During the past year a Chicago mail-order house has provided \$1,000,000 for demonstration work. The International Harvester Company has also set aside \$4,000,000 for similar work under direction of Prof. P. G. Holden, formerly of Iowa State College. The Chicago Board of Trade has announced a similar plan to devote \$1,000,000 to the improvement in agricultural methods through county agents. The railroads and bankers' associations of the country are also working for greater efficiency in agricultural production. It is stated that about three-fourths of the mileage of railroads in the United States is operated by companies which are making organized efforts to promote the agricultural development of their territory, conducting agricultural demonstration farms, co-operative experiments, employing agricultural experts for advice of the farmer, and publishing and distributing literature.

J. J. Hill, retired president of one of our greatest railroad systems, says that the reason for high prices of beef, pork and other common necessities of life is, first, that so few people engage in farming, and, second, that those so engaged are so poorly prepared to pursue the business with profit and success. They need to be educated along these lines. The place to begin is in the public schools.

With the exception of Florida, every State in the far South has half or more of its land worked by tenants. In Mississippi, tenants hold 66.1 per cent. of the farm land. In Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina the percentage varies from 26.5 to 45.3. In the sixteen

States that are equally referred to as the South, are 49 per cent. of the farms in the United States, almost a third of the total area, and nearly a third of the improved land, says World's Work. It is a country of cheap land and small farms, of poor buildings, poor stock and poor equipment, and a constantly shifting farm population.

Strong men everywhere are thinking and working out ways and means to accomplish rural betterment, and there could be no more convincing argument as to its need. Massachusetts is making it possible for country boys of high school age to learn agriculture without leaving the farm, four-fifths of their time being put into farming under the State's supervision, at home, and only one-fifth upon book learning at school. And there is so much need for this training. It is recorded upon highest authority that a village minister went to conduct a funeral in a rural district near his town and found there were only three persons out of two hundred living thereabouts who ever went to church. This is an extreme case but it serves to emphasize the need for making rural conditions what they ought to be through the proper education and training of the sons and daughters of the owners of the land so that they will re-establish the typical country home of earlier times and add to country life the best things socially and materially that may be had anywhere. Let us do what we can through the rural schools to train them back to the land and keep them from the city. G. W. Dyer, professor of sociology in Vanderbilt University, addressing the Southern Sociological Congress upon southern problems declared, "The city as we have it today is a menace to the home, a menace to social industrial life, a menace to the State, a menace to the schools and a menace to the churches."

**** The city is dominated by the spirit of sordid commercialism, and the slogan that really expresses this spirit would be similar to one given by a hop-picking company in the West. In advertising for men and women and boys and girls to come to its place of business, it placed in the newspapers the following advertisement: "Wanted—1000 hop-kickers, good wages, perfect accommodations, good food at city prices, free whiskey, dance five nights in the week, evangelist on Sunday, and a hell of a time."

In any movement worth while for our fellow men we must put our hearts and our substance, our time and our energy and our best thoughts into the work if we would hope for any worthy results. There is much to do for "All the Children of All the People," in city and in country. The true teacher is a missionary, a social worker, a friend and guide, putting him- or herself into the work for the good to be accomplished—always on a plane away above the thought of the labor performed or the money earned. The attitude of such an one is,—

"Loving because I must,
Giving because I cannot keep,
Doing for the joy of it."

Here is a new opportunity for a soulful and a pregnant work. The trend of the time is strongly in the direction of rural betterment as a great hope for the future of the country. Will your reason, your heart, your conscience permit you to turn away from ANY opportunity to take your part in the accomplishment of this work?

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Four Reels Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Nights

There will be four good reels of Liscence films shown at the Idle Hour on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. These are all new films and will please you. No extra expense attached to these extra reels, we show them at the same old prices, 5 and 10 cents. Come out and see a good show every night this week. Understand there will be no fancy operatic singing just the four reels and piano music. Remember that on Thursday night, Sept. 18, we will show that worlds famous Gaumont reel "The Running of the English Derby" and the three reel feature "Beast of the Jungle" There will be seven reels on this night, and the price for this night only will be 10 and 20 cents.

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Captured in Evansville

Dillard Summers, of this city, who has been an inmate of the Western Kentucky Asylum at Hopkinsville, and who escaped from that Institution several days ago and was captured in Evansville Friday. The Hopkinsville asylum people sent a guard after him Saturday. He passed through this city Saturday afternoon with Summers enroute to Hopkinsville.

Show Here Saturday

San Bros. big show will appear in our city Saturday, Sept. 13th. This is now one of the best shows going and have been drawing good crowds everywhere they have been this season. The big parade will be in the morning and everybody should see it.

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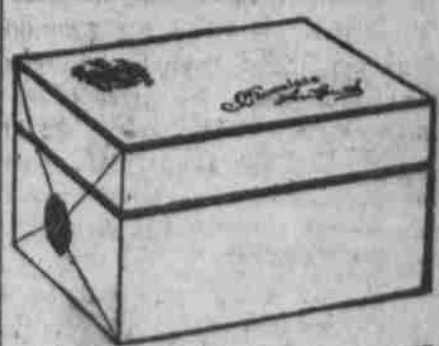
Earlington, Ky., Sept. 6, 1913.
—Bids will be received by City Engineers of Earlington to September, 15, 1913 for the construction of Concrete ditch and Sewers. Drawings and specifications may be consulted by interested parties at City Engineers office.

R. E. WIPFLER,
City Engineer.

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Will Meet in Crofton

The Kentucky Universalist convention will meet in Crofton, Ky., October 2, 3, 4, and 5 and extensive plans are being made to entertain the delegates and visitors that will be there. An interesting programme will be carried out and a very interesting time is expected to be had. The citizens of that city will entertain the visitors at their homes. There are a good many of this belief in that section of the country and a large crowd is expected to be present.



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